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GREATER AUTONOMY TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are considering to give greater autonomy to Research and Development institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to enhance the spending on Research and Development activities during the Tenth Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that the present spending on Research and Development activities is so far below than the countries smaller than India; and

(f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) : Autonomous R&D institutions working in the areas of S&T have greater autonomy both in financial and administrative matters.

(c) & (d) : The Government have allocated enhanced grants for R&D in the 10th Plan which is approximately double the allocation made for the Ninth Plan. Besides, need based special grants are also provided to modernize the facilities and infrastructure in S&T institutes.

(e) & (f) : No, Sir. In India, spending on R&D activities is more than that of many other smaller developing countries.